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Dear Sirs,

I have been made aware that the most recent version of Windows as well as the program Microsoft Money2002 requires the use of "Passport" wherein Microsoft improperly demands a lot of personal data from users of this software in order to use the software.

I consider that the mandatory use of "Passport" is a serious invasion of privacy and one more example of how a MONOPOLY like Microsoft thinks it can get away with this sort of behavior. Who knows what they will do with the personal data they ask for? Why should they be allowed to demand it?

My friends at the Justice Department: You are our main protection against such exploitation by a computer company that has been able to destroy competition, make unreasonable demands on OEM suppliers, and has become a powerful, almost unbeatable monopoly. You need to take a much stronger position than you do. Break up the company! With Windows they have had a huge advantage as far as making the software that utilizes it. The Internet Explorer is a classic example. Please take a strong stand! Consumers all over the world will thank you!

At the very least, be aware of the dangers of "Passport". Thank you!

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